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RIO FOR IAEA DELEGATION

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FUEL FOR BRAZILIAN REACTORS

1. BRITISH EMBASSY ECONOFF IN BRASILIA TOLD EMBOFF THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF URENCO FUEL FOR BRAZIL IS EXPECTED IN SEVERAL WEEKS. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, HMG IS CONSULTING WITH THE DUTCH AND WEST GERMANS ON HOW TO MAKE THE SAFEGUARDS ARRANGEMENT, EITHER THROUGH (A) AN HMG-GOB AND DUTCH-GOB EXCHANGE OF NOTES AFFIRMING THAT THE FRG/GOB/IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT APPLIES AS WELL TO URENCO FUEL, OR (B) AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES AMONG URENCO PARTNERS AFFIRMING THEIR JOINT UNDERSTANDING THAT THE FRG/GOB/IAEA AGREEMENT WOULD COVER URENCO FUEL. THE SOURCE SAID HMG, FOR INTERNAL AND NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY REASONS PROBABLY PREFERS OPTION (A), WHEREAS THE GOB UNDOUBTABLY WOULD URGE OPTION (B). (THE SOURCE SAID THESE OPTIONS HAVE NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE GOB.)

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2. THE SOURCE SAID THE CONTRACTS WOULD BE FOR TEN YEARS STARTING IN 1980, AND WOULD PROVIDE FOR ESPECIALLY LARGE AMOUNTS OF FUEL IN 1982 AND 1988. (COMMENT: WE PRESUME THE BLOCKS OF FUEL WOULD BE USED FOR THE START-UPS OF ANGRA 2 AND 3.)

3. COMMENT. OUR IMPRESSION FROM THE SOURCE'S REMARKS IS THAT HMG HAS NOT YET MADE UP ITS MIND ON OPTION (A) OR (B). IF THIS IS SO, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE USG TO MAKE CONTACT WITH HIMG ON THIS TOPIC BEFORE IT IS DECIDED. CRIMMINS

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